

2026 Golden Gate Fest

Post-Conference Faculty Submission Guidelines

All Golden Gate Fest attendees may submit their work to each faculty, who will accept submissions within 6 months after Golden Gate Fest. As a rule, faculty prefer you take what you have learned from the conference and revise your manuscript or dummy before submitting. Please be professional and follow all guidelines outlined below.

Sophie Sheumaker, Literary Assistant at BookEnds Literary Agency:

What to submit: Query, full synopsis, and first five pages for all novel-length works. Query, synopsis, and full manuscript/dummy for all picture books

Please submit to: <https://QueryTracker.net/query/3848/GoldenGateFest>

I will respond to all queries within 4 weeks of receipt

Sarah Stephens, Agent at Red Fox Literary:

What to submit: Query letter and first 10 pages for MG, full picture book manuscript (fiction or nonfiction).

Please submit to: https://QueryTracker.net/query/Sarah_Stephens/SSFSCBWI

I aim to respond within three months. I respond to everything.

Sasha Illingworth, Associate Creative Director at Little, Brown Books for Younger Readers:

What to submit: Picture book dummies, illustration portfolios

Please submit to: sasha.illingworth@hbgusa.com with “SCBWI CALIFORNIA/SAN FRAN” in the subject line

I aim to respond within 2 months.

Danielle Collins, Associate Editor at Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster:

What to submit: Full picture book attached as a Word Doc or PDF

Please submit to: danielle.collins@simonandschuster.com and include "SCBWI Golden Gate Fest" in the subject line.

I will respond to all submissions via email by the end of 2026.

Esther Hernandez, Editor at Alfred J, Knopf / Penguin Random House:

What to submit: Query letter and submission in word doc or pdf (it needs to be a separate attachment and not in the body of the email).

Please submit to: eshernandez@penguinrandomhouse.com with "SCBWI Golden Gate Fest 2026" and your manuscript title in the subject line.

I will reply back to confirm receipt and aim to get back to submissions by December 15th, 2026 (if not sooner).